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SUBJECT: ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING -- INDUSTRIAL
PROJECTS

REF: (A) JAKARTA 7761 (NOTAL), (B) JAKARTA 7523

1. DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE VICENTE VALDEPENDAS HAS CONFIRMED THE ESSENTIALS OF EMBASSY JAKARTA'S REPORTING ON THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING, BUT ADDS THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING FOOTNOTE TO THE GOS PROPOSAL TO TAKE ONLY A ONE PERCENT EQUITY IN THE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS OF ITS ASEAN NEIGHBORS. VALDEPENAS TOOK A MORE OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF SINGAPOREAN PARTICIPATION, AND SAID THAT THE GOS STAND ON NOMINAL PARTICIPATION "WAS ONLY A NEGOTIATING TACTIC." HE INDICATED THAT THE GOP MIGHT GIVE UP ITS OWN NATIONAL DIESEL PROJECT BUT WOULD EXACT A PRICE FROM SINGAPORE. HE REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON A SIMILAR MOVE BY INDONESIA, BUT ON THE WHOLE APPEARED CONFIDENT THAT THE SINGAPORE
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PROJECT MAY FLY AFTER ALL.

2. COMMENT. VALDEPENAS' COMMENTS MAY PARTLY EXPLAIN THE LONG DELAY IN THE GOP DECISION ON ITS OWN DIESEL PROJECT. LATEST GOP REQUEST TO COMPETITORS ON DIESEL PROJECT WAS FOR DETAILED EXPORT COMMITMENT (OBVIOUSLY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERTAKE ON PURELY ECONOMIC GROUNDS).

IN ANY CASE, WE WILL BELIEVE PHILIPPINE GENEROSITY WHEN
WE SEE IT. MURPHY

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